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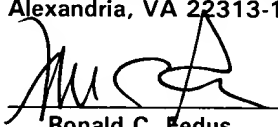
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THROUGH STEM-LOOP FORMATION

TRANSMITTAL
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement which is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98. The items listed on Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed, may be deemed to be pertinent to the above-identified application and are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items and to independently ascertain their teaching.

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2. ☐ For each of the following items listed on the enclosed copy of form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, a concise explanation of the relevance of that item is incorporated in the specification of the above-identified application.
3. ☐ Any copy of the items on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement was previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior ☐ Divisional or ☐ Continuation-In-Part application under 37 C.F.R. §1.60, U.S. Serial No. _____, filed _____.
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 - b. the attached petition requesting consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement; and
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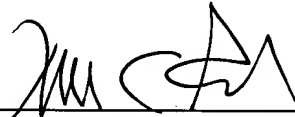
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Respectfully submitted,

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**
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Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.971.98, and in full compliance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants, through their attorney, are bringing the following eight (8) documents to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Examiner handling their above-identified application:

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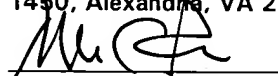
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1. Barstow, D.A., et al., International Patent Application No. WO 92/00989, published January 23, 1992 [Exhibit 1];
2. Brown, D., et al., International Patent Application No. WO 98/43991, published October 8, 1998 [Exhibit 2];
3. Grein, T., et al., "3 Deaza and 7 Deazapurines: duplex stability of oligonucleotides containing modified adenine or guanine bases," Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters 4:971-976 (1994) [Exhibit 3];
4. Khan, S.H., et al., International Patent Application No. WO 98/06732, published February 19, 1998 [Exhibit 4];
5. Reiss, E., et al., German Democratic Republic Patent Application No. DD 265 429 A1, filed September 30, 1987 [Exhibit 5];
6. Sagi, J., et al., "Base-modified oligodeoxynucleotides. I. effect of 5-alkyl, 5-(1-alkenyl) and 5-(1-alkynyl) substitution of the pyrimidines on duplex stability and hydrophobicity," Tetrahedron Letters 34:2191-2194 (1993) [Exhibit 6];
7. Sanghvi, Y.S., "Heterocyclic Base Modifications in Nucleic Acids and their Applications in Antisense Oligonucleotides," Chapter 15 (pages 273-288) of *Antisense Research and Applications*, CRC Press, UK (1993) [Exhibit 7];
8. Sowers, L.C., et al., "Equilibrium between a Wobble and Ionized Base Pair Formed between Fluorouracil and Guanine in DNA as Studied by Proton and Fluorine NMR," J. Bio. Chem. 263:14794-14801 (1988) [Exhibit 8];

The eight (8) foregoing references (numbers 1-8) were cited in the European Search Report dated December 11, 2003.

Foregoing reference number 5 is not in English. A copy of the English translation of the abstract is attached with the foreign language reference as Exhibit 5.

A completed Form PTO-1449 listing the 8 above-submitted documents is also attached hereto as Exhibit 9.

By this voluntary citation of art, Applicants and their attorney are requesting that the documents be made of record in the present application.

The above citation of documents is not a representation that these documents constitute a complete or exhaustive listing, nor that the above listing necessarily includes the closest or most relevant documents, nor are these documents necessarily a complete listing of all documents known to Applicants or their attorney. It is simply a voluntary citation of documents made in good faith, which is not intended to serve in any way as a substitute for the Examiner's own search.

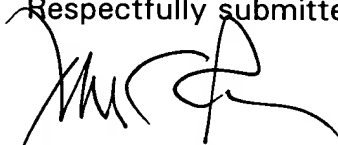
In view of the general and specific features described and claimed in the present application, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is neither disclosed nor suggested by the documents referred to above and is thus patentably distinct thereover. Furthermore, Applicants do not believe, and do not submit, by the citation of these references, that these documents, either by themselves or in combination with other documents, render the invention *prima facie* obvious under the duty of disclosure rules.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make the above-submitted documents of record in the instant application. Applicants further request that the Examiner consider these documents as any of them may relate to the instant application.

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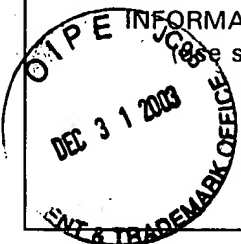
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	WO 9 2 0 0 9 8 9		Barstow, et al			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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